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Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket RM2017-3.

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, the corporation of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and more than 1.3 million active members, I urge you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. These increases - which are estimated to reach 28-40 % over five years will have a negative impact on the ability of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to carry out its mission.

For over 200 years, Presbyterians have been responding to the call of Jesus Christ, taking the gospel into all the world and bearing witness to Christ's saving love to the ends of the earth. Today the Holy Spirit is still on the move, calling us to share in what God is doing in the world. Fulfilling the PCUSA's mission is critically dependent on our ability to operate and develop resources efficiently and in a cost-effective way.

In 2019, more than \$100,000 was spent on outgoing postage (primarily at nonprofit rates) and generated over \$10,000 in first class return postage. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) The Presbyterian Church is not able to increase our budget to keep pace with postage increases totaling 40% over the next five (5) years. Any expense, such as postage, that exceeds our means will result in necessary reductions in our use of mail. Such a reduction will lead to less revenue for you and for us, limit the PCUSA's mission and outreach to the world, and will reduce the amount our organization can spend on our mission and ministries.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation urges the Postal Regulatory Commission to reconsider its proposal.

Best regards,

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President